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(Former Manfred Weiss Combine),
Budapest-Csepel (*also producer*
of small arms and
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report concerning the Csepel Iron and Steel Works (former Manfred Weiss Combine), at Csepel-Budapest. The report consists of the following:

1. A sketch showing the layout of the Csepel Iron and Steel Works, with a legend keyed to the sketch and identifying important portions of the enterprise and installations in the immediate neighborhood but not connected with the enterprise. (Six pages)
2. A sketch of the quay wall for coal discharge at the thermal power station at Budapest-Csepel. (One page)

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(Note: The numbers of paragraphs coincide with numbers shown in the sketch map attached.)

1. Bombed site (former dwelling houses), now a grassy open space.
2. SZENT IMRE HERCEG-TER (Square).
3. Terminus of CSEPEL suburban railway.
4. Main entrance No. 1 (Opposite SOMOGYI BELA-UTCA).
Visitors can use only this gate and no other.
5. Main entrance No. 2 (Opposite KARACSONYI SANDOR-UTCA).
- 6.a. Approach gate to main entrance No. 3. facing BUJAKI SANDOR-UTCA. It is guarded by a porter and some times also by an armed guard. All vehicles are checked in and out. Pedestrians are not always checked, as the principal check point is at 6.b.
- 6.b. Main entrance No. 3. Here vehicles are checked a second time. All pedestrians are checked. At each of the main entrances, beside the porter, there is also a policeman and two or three armed guards in black uniforms. Their armament usually consists of a carbine. In the immediate vicinity of the porter's lodge there is a guard room, used by the works guard on duty and also used for carrying out snap searches.
7. MAGYAR POSZTOGYAR (Cloth Factory), BAJARI F-UTCA, BUDAPEST XXI. This concern does not belong to the Metallurgical and Engineering Combine.
8. CSEPEL Hospital. (An urban hospital, serving both the CSEPEL area and the industrial plants.) The building has two storeys. It is approached via entrance gate 6.a. without the need of entering the works site proper.

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ammunition plant.

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this plant produced

small arms ammunition and guns, but not mortar bombs or rockets.

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"TROTYL" was used in this

plant. Cases of accidental explosions had been mentioned. The women working in the plant are given protective food to counteract the effects of poison or poisonous emanations. They also wear protective clothing.

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the women dressed in protective clothes. The material was yellowish-grey in colour and the surface matt. The fabric gives the appearance of heavily impregnated linen. The wearers looked ill at ease and encumbered.

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In front of the building about eight large bins with used small arms cartridge cases, which were apparently being returned to the plant for re-filling.

20-29. Thermal power station

This power station supplies not only the works but also produces a surplus which is fed into the national grid.

The premises are bordered to the west by the quay wall of the Danube and by a fence on the other three sides. A special permit is required for entering the site.

The power station consists of the following:-

- 20. Water purifying installation
- 20.a. Entrance gate.
- 21. Power station proper

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22. Two-storey office building, about 60 m. long and 20 m. high. This building can be entered from without the fence but from it it is impossible to reach the power station except through the entrance gate at 20.a.

23. Two coal conveyor belts, one of which moves the coal from the coal dump on the quay wall (27) to the coal grading plant at (24), whilst the other carries the coal from the grading plant to the boilers at (21).

24. Coal grading plant. It is at least 25 m. high, about 60 m. long and about 35 m. wide.

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It may be assumed

that it was designed on the most up-to-date principles and that it is now in full operation.

25. The quay wall for unloading coal. In 1952 it was lengthened from 150 m. to 250 m. in order to serve the increased requirements of the new coal grading plant at (24). The quay wall space has a width of about 8 m.. There are three travelling cranes (see appendix "B").

26. Row of coal bunkers

27. Open coal dump with large capacity travelling crane.

28. Open air transformer station.

29. Fence round premises of power station.

30. New tube factory.

31. Suburban railway halt.

32. SOMOGYI BELA-UTCA

33. KARACSONYI SANDOR-UTCA

34. Central telephone exchange serving all the offices and shops of the combine.

35. Area within outer wall of combine, but occupied by dwelling houses.

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- 36. Brick wall surrounding area of combine (about 3 m. high).
- 37. Wire fence (about 2 m. high).
- 38. Fencing (material not known).

Attachments:

Appendix "A" - Sketch of site.

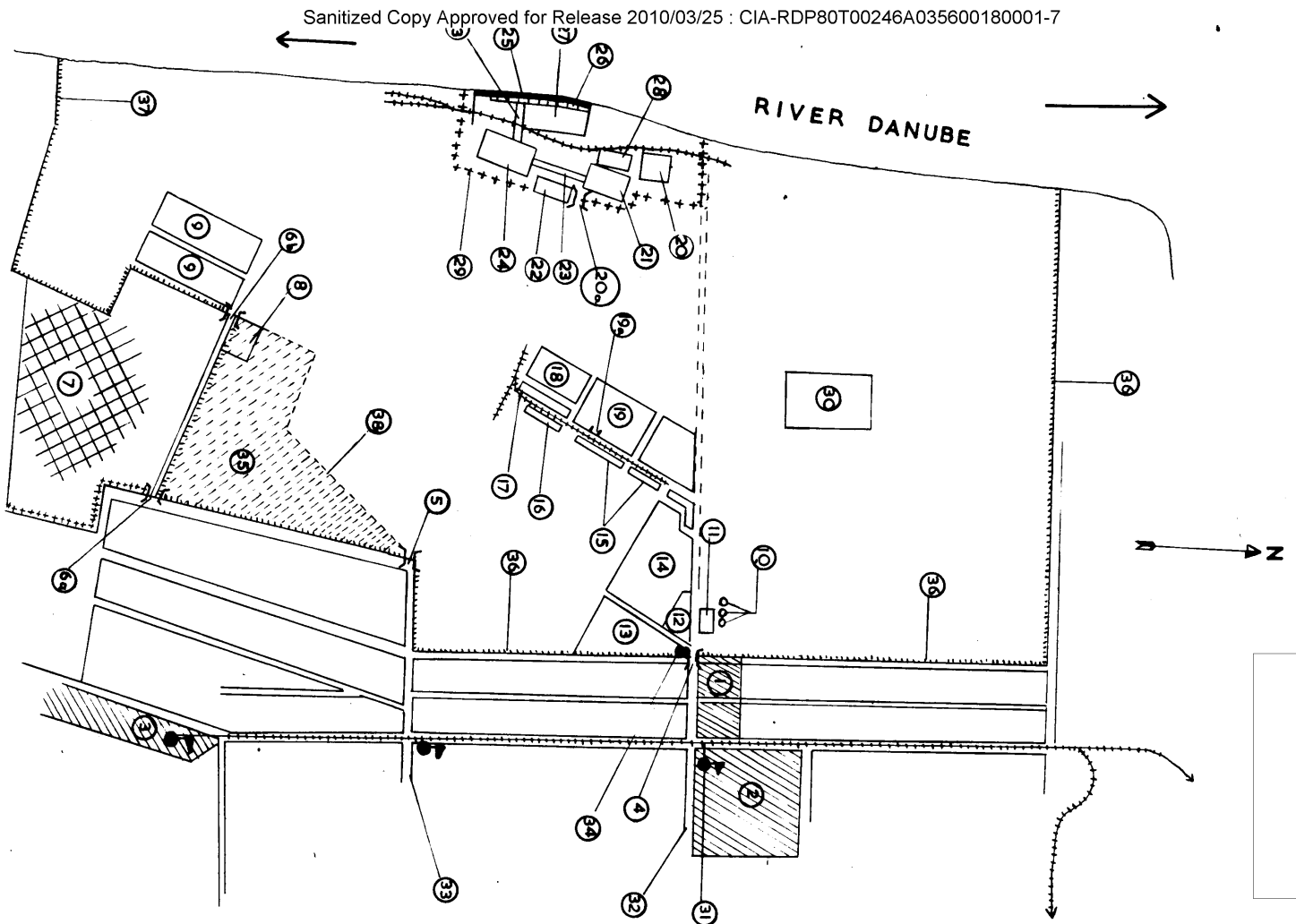
"B" - Section of quay wall for discharging coal.

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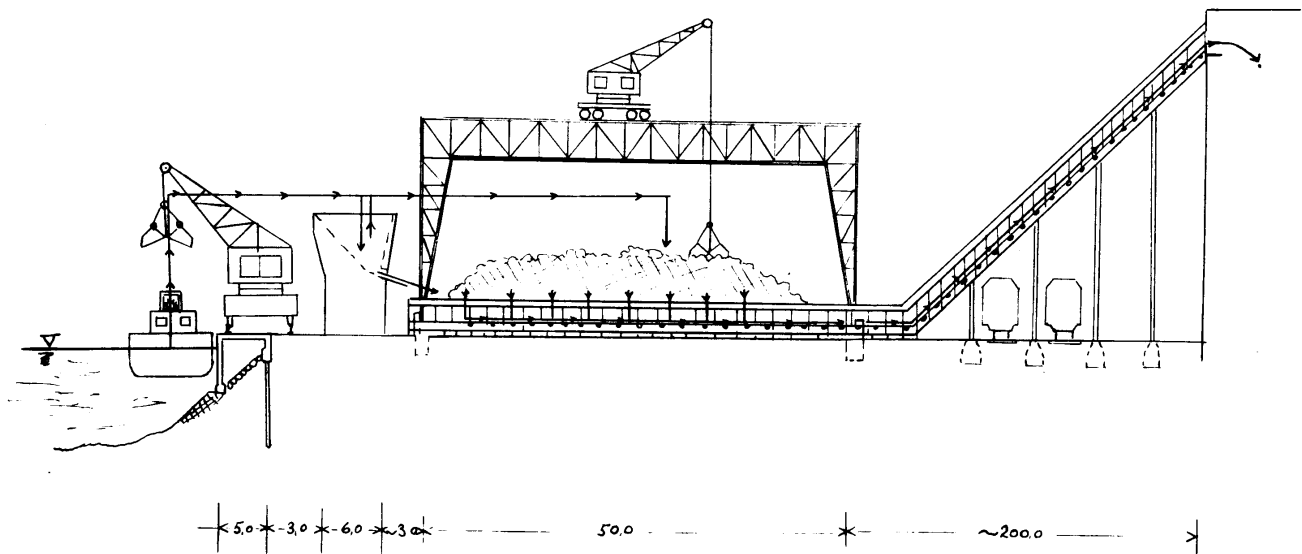
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Quay Wall for Coal Discharge at Thermal Power Station at BUDAPEST-CSEPEL

Appendix B

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